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**EVANSVILLE MAN SENTENCED
IN CONNECTION WITH WOMAN'S DRUG DEATH**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ROBERT LAWRENCE HERTZBERGER, 43, of Evansville, was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following a guilty plea to the distribution of oxycontin, resulting in the death of Melissa Herman. The case was the result of an investigation by the Evansville Police Department and the Evansville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation into the February 17, 2003, overdose death by Herman, of Edinburgh, Indiana.

The victim was pronounced dead at Deaconess Hospital following her ingestion of a lethal quantity of oxycontin, which had been distributed to her by Hertzberger. Oxycontin,

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sometimes referred to in street slang as “Hillbilly Heroin,” is a powerful prescription narcotic pain killer, and has a high susceptibility to abuse with potentially deadly results..

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew P. Brookman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed three years supervised release following HERTZBERGER’s imprisonment.

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